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The Delaware State Fire Marshal's office has determined that this afternoon's fire that heavily damaged a **Newark, Delaware** home was accidental.

The blaze, reported around noon, occurred in the unit block of Renee Lane in the **Chestnut Valley** development off Paper Mill Road. The Hockessin Fire Company arrived on the scene with flames shooting from the garage. Two firefighters were injured and transported to the Christiana Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Both firefighters are listed in good condition.

Deputy fire marshals were called to the scene to investigate the circumstances of this fire. The fire originated inside the garage after a malfunction occurred with a riding lawn mower that had just been used. There were no civilian injuries reported. Three residents have been displaced. Fire damage was estimated at \$500,000.